

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re Application of Ashkenazi et al. Serial No.: 09/157,285 Filed: September 18, 1998 For: DcR3 Polypeptide, A TNFR Homolog</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1646 Examiner: P. Mertz</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on June 23, 2000 <i>Diane L. Marschang</i> Diane L. Marschang</p>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2000, setting forth the Examiner's restriction requirement. Entry of the preliminary amendment below is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 27, lines 37 and 38, in the blanks indicated, please insert -- HB-12573, HB-12574, HB-12572, HB-12571, and HB-12575 --.

On page 27, line 41, in the blanks indicated, please insert -- HB-12573, HB-12574, HB-12572, HB-12571, or HB-12575 --.

On page 51, line 8, under the column "ATCC Dep. No." please insert -- HB-12573 --; under the column "Deposit Date" please insert -- Sept. 18, 1998 --.